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Mayor's corner

I hope everyone took time to consider those things to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day. Holiday shopping season is upon us, so please be patient in those crowds!

We are putting together a Skateboard Park Task Force, chaired by Rich Carlson, a past School Board member and local attorney. The Task Force will determine the ideal size, location and how to pay for such a facility. We have some good examples of parks that are finished and heavily used in Tualatin, Newberg, Portland and Salem.

No, I'm not a skater! In my day a skate board was a set of metal wheels under a small board, which was a lot of fun at the time! I just might try a skateboard if we are able to open a facility of our own in the future.

We are looking for young skaters and adults who would like to assist in developing a park. If you would like to be involved, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Susan Koepping at susank@ci.tigard.or.us or 503-639-4171, ext. 460.

Happy Holidays!

Jim Griffith, Mayor



The City of Tigard, Tigard Central Business District Association, Tigard Area Chamber of Commerce, and Tigard/Tualatin School District invite you and your family to attend the community

Tree Lighting Celebration!

When: 7 p.m., Friday, November 30 Where: Liberty Park on Main Street

(note new location!)

Program highlights:

* Songs performed by Mary Woodward Second Grade Students



* Holiday Greetings from Mayor Griffith

* Lighting of the tree and the star on top!!

* Children may visit Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus who will

> be escorted by the Tigard Police Department and the Tualatin Valley Fire &

Rescue District!

- * Sing-Along Caroling
- Refreshments Served



City awarded federal park grant

The City of Tigard was awarded \$21,000 in federal funding assistance toward the cost of constructing a covered picnic shelter in Woodard Park. An arched-beam picnic shelter was one of the improvements identified in the Woodard Park Master Plan adopted by the City in 1999.

The octagonal-shaped shelter will expand recreational opportunities at the park and will provide shade and rain protection to park-goers. The facility will be available year-round and accessible to people with disabilities.

For more information, contact Park Supervisor Steve Martin at *steve@ci.tigard.or.us* or 503-639-4171, ext. 398.

December CIT Meeting Notice



CIT - Citizen Involvement Team Grassroots Neighborhood-Based

Where: Town Hall at City Hall, 13125 SW Hall Boulevard When: Thursday, December 6, 2001, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

The CIT meeting is cablecast live on the first Thursday on Channel 22, 78 or 28 at 7 p.m. Replays are shown the following Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at noon and Monday at 10 a.m. on Channel 21 or 30 depending on your cable access.

6:30 p.m. An opportunity to meet one-on-one with staff to ask questions or discuss specific issues.

Representatives will be available from the following departments:

Administration, Community Development, Engineering, Library, Police and Public Works. (This portion is not aired on cable.)

7:00 p.m. General Session — Aired on Cable Channel 22, 78 or 28.

7:20 p.m. Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR)

Come and learn how this technology can enhance our water supply and hear about the pilot project now under way.

7:35 p.m. Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

This is your chance to nominate projects to be included in the CIP budget for the coming year. Speed humps, sidewalks, street, sewer, water, storm water improvements and park facilities are all eligible for consideration.

8:00 p.m. Break

8:05 p.m. Proposed Bull Mountain Annexation Study Update

Hear a status report on the study and learn about opportunities to provide input.

8:20 p.m. Plans for Future Open Space

View the City's park system master plan and learn about the possibilities for additional open space.

8:40 p.m. Member Questions and Issues

8:40 p.m. Meeting Follow-up

8:55 p.m. Set Next Agenda

9:00 p.m. Adjourn

Bring a friend or neighbor!

If you are unable to attend and would like to have your ideas included or have suggestions, please contact Liz Newton at liz@ci.tigard.or.us or 503-639-4171, ext. 308.

13125 SW Hall Blvd.

Tigard Library

LIBRARY EVENTS CALENDAR

December 4	2-4 p.m.	"My Child Only Eats Cookies!" (Reg. req'd) -Puett Rm
December 5	7-8 p.m.	Teen Idea Group-Red Rock Creek Rm
December 6	7-9 p.m.	"How to Deal with Holiday Stress in Your Family" (Reg. req'd) -Puett Rm
December 8	1:30-4 p.m.	"When I'm in Charge" (Ages 8-11/\$15 fee/Reg. req'd./ Call 503-284-0011, ext. 156)-Town Hall
December 8, 15	9 a.m1 p.m.	Baby Sitter's Training Course (Ages 11 and up/\$30 fee/Reg. req'd/ Call 503-284-0011, ext. 156)-Town Hall
December 14	4-7 p.m.	Holiday Open House and Harpist Ann Cullens - Puett Rm.
December 15	2-3 p.m.	"Creating Comics" (Reg. req'd)-Puett Rm
December 19	1-2 p.m.	4th Annual Mitten Tree Event
December 24	5 p.m.	Library closes early-Christmas Eve
December 25		Library closed-Christmas
December 28	2-3:30 p.m.	Free Movie Matinee, Shrek(PG)-Town Hall
December 31	5 p.m.	Library closes early-New Year's Eve
Mon-Thurs (until Dec. 20)	4-6 p.m.	Homework Center-Teen Area

For more information on Library programs, visit our web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us

All Library programs are free, unless stated otherwise. Some Library programs require registration. To sign up, call 503-684-6537, ext. 276

Winter Toddler Time sign-up is changing!

Telephone and walk-in registration for Winter Toddler Time will begin Monday, December 10. You may sign up for ONE four-week session. Each Monday, we will explore the importance of play and its direct relationship to developing literacy skills. For toddlers age 24-36 months and their adult caregiver.

Session One: 10 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 7, 14, and 28

Session Two: 10 to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4, 11, and 25

To register, call Terri at 503-684-6537, ext. 271, or come to the Library.

There will be no regular storytime in December. Programs will resume in January.

Parenting classes

My Child Only Eats Cookies! Addressing Nutrition Needs of Children

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2 to 4 p.m. Puett Room

You can lead a child to the table but you can't make them eat! We all know that it is important for children to eat a wide variety of nutritious foods to grow and stay healthy. Learn some great strategies on how to have fun and introduce a healthy diet at the same time



How to Deal with Holiday Stress in Your Family

Thursday, Dec. 6, 7 to 9 p.m. Puett Room

Holidays can be stressful, with financial considerations, time conflicts, children's needs and family dynamics contributing to the stress levels. Learn hassle-free ways to enjoy the holidays.

Sponsored by the Family and Community Development Faculty of the OSU Extension Service of Washington County. Registration is required.

Petroglyph rubbings in the Library

The Tigard Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) sponsored the works of local artist and longtime Tigard resident, Evelyn J. Nokes. A number of her rubbings of petroglyphs and pictographs from all over the world will be on display at the Library in December. Her travels in pursuit of rock art have taken her to Baja California, Guam, British Columbia and most western states.

Babysitter training

Babysitter's Training Course: Saturday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Town Hall. Presented by the American Red Cross for participants ages 11 and up; \$30 fee. Students should bring pencil, paper, and a lunch or snack. For more information or to register call Vanessa Embly at 503-284-0011, ext. 156.

When I'm in Charge: Saturday, Dec. 8, 1:30 to 4 p.m. Town Hall. An American Red Cross class for children ages 8 -11; \$15 fee. Parents are invited to attend the last half-hour of class to watch a video that reviews the topics discussed. For more information or to register Call Vanessa Embly at 503-284-0011, ext. 156.

Stuff to do for Teens

The Tigard Library's **Homework Center** offers free tutoring and homework help to middle and high school students. Open Mondays – Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m. (closed Dec. 24-Jan. 3 for winter break). Bus transportation to the Library is available from Tigard middle schools.

Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7 to 8 p.m. Red Rock Creek Room

Teen Idea Group: Join this growing group of teens (grades 6-12), and let us know what kinds of media, books, and programs you would like to see at your library! Snacks, laughter and good company provided.

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2 to 3 p.m. Puett Room

"Creating Comics" Workshop:

Comic book artist Steve Leiber (Whiteout, Batman: Turning Point) presents a free drawing workshop. Learn how comics are made, pencil to publication. Bring your own drawings to share and discuss. Open to all in grades 6- 12, but space is limited and registration is required.

Proposed new library news

Hundreds of citizens have shared their ideas and shaped the vision for a new Tigard library. As this process continues, everyone is invited to take part.

Information about analysis, recom-

mendations and conceptual designs

are available in many formats and at many locations. An architectural model of the proposed library is on display at the Library. The citizen

New Library Construction Committee recommended a site and an aerial GIS photo of the property can be seen in the lobby of the Library and at City

Hall.

Detailed information is offered on fact sheets and brochures available at the Library. Library history and the latest information about the project, including conceptual drawings of the new library and Frequently-AskedQuestions, are also available at the City's website *www.ci.tigard.or.us*.

Do you have questions or ideas about the proposed new library? Are you interested in participating in community-wide discussions to assist with development of a master plan for the recommended property? Input about the new library can be given at the Library, online,

or through a survey/questionnaire. Responses to inquiries will be posted at City Hall, the Library, and online. Community meetings will be scheduled in early 2002.

Members of the New Construction Committee are available to

speak with neighborhood groups, local associations and civic groups. To schedule a presentation about the project, contact Library Director Margaret Barnes at margaret@ci.tigard.or.us or 503-639-4171, ext. 263.

Seasonal events

A matinee showing of Shrek over winter break!

Free Movie! A special winter break matinee showing of the hit animated feature *Shrek* (PG). Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz and John Lithgow contribute their vocal talents to this hilariously fractured fairy tale for all ages. Snack and drink provided, shown on a large screen. Friday, Dec. 28, 2 to 3:30

Holiday Open House!

p.m. Town Hall.

You are invited to a **holiday open house** at the Tigard Public Library. Friday, Dec. 14, 4 to 7 p.m. Come visit the Library, listen to Harpist Ann Cullens, have a cookie and take a look at the model for the proposed new library.

The 4th Annual Mitten Tree Event!

Donate a NEW pair of mittens, scarf, hat or other item of warm clothing to decorate the Mitten Tree. Deliver your donations in person and hang them on the tree, located in the Puett Room throughout the month of December. At

the end of the month
donations will go to the
Good Neighbor Center,
which offers assistance to
the homeless in Washington

County. Please join us for the Mitten Tree Celebration, Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1 to 2 p.m. Puett Room. Enjoy wonderful winter stories, decorate the tree and warm up with refreshments.

Volunteers and parks crews are tending your parks

Volunteers planted trees, rhododendrons and native plants at Cook Park on National Make a Difference Day, October 27, 2001. The volunteers also cleared blackberries and other heavy undergrowth to open up the area for native species. The parks crew will use wood chips from public works projects to mulch around plants. Thanks to all who assisted!

The parks division is busy removing leaves in all the parks. Here are a few projects completed recently:

- The installation of a memorial bench donated by the Mason and McCormick families in memory of Warren and Rosemary Koehler.
- The dedication of Sorg Memorial Rhododendron Garden was recently approved by the City Council. In November, 30 plants were added and more improvements will occur this month.
- The sports fields at Cook Park were sanded, seeded and aerated.
- New sports fields were completed.

For information about your parks, contact Park Supervisor Steve Martin at *steve@ci.tigard.or.us* or 503-639-4171, ext. 398.

New garbage hauling and collection rates begin on January 1, 2002

Pride Disposal and Miller's Sanitary Service will begin charging new rates for garbage collection and disposal services on January 1, 2002. The new rates were approved by the Tigard City Council at its October 23 meeting. The new rates apply only to Pride Disposal and Miller's Sanity Service customers within Tigard's city limits.

A citizen-based Solid Waste Work Group had been working with the City over the last few months reviewing rates and other solid waste issues. The need for the rate review and rate adjustments was due to changes in the solid waste industry. These changes were the result of recent court decisions and were influenced by Metro's consideration of an increase in the tip fee that haulers pay to dump waste at transfer stations in the area. In addition, no rate adjustments have been made since 1995 and the cost of delivering service has increased substantially since then.



The citizen group also recommended that the City continue supporting recycling efforts so that the amount of waste actually going to the landfill can be reduced even further.

The majority of residential customers will be paying an additional \$1.60 per month. A copy of the new rates is available on the City's website at www.ci.tigard.or.us.

Congratulations to Sara Danz, our November Employee of the Month!

Sara started working with the City in March 2001 as Water Quality Conservation Program Coordinator. In her role, Sara educates water customers about how to conserve water. Conservation efforts certainly paid off last summer. Last year our population grew by 3.5%, yet our peak summer water-use day was 11.6 million gallons, which was down from 13.09 gallons from the summer before!

Sara has developed a wide range of creative methods to spread the City's conservation message: billboards, refrigerator magnets, school visits, attending Citizen Involvement Team meetings and distributing information in neighborhoods. Sara's community education efforts have resulted in an adequate water supply for all our water service customers. Great job Sara!



Summerlake Park community workshop

To date, three workshops have been held to discuss future plans for Summerlake Park. Contributions from workshop participants will be used in the creation of the Summerlake Master Plan. Ideas have included adding an elementary-age playground, a maintenance building, informal play fields, a fenced area for unleashed dogs to run and play, pathways that will also accommodate those who have disabilities, a water play feature and parking.

To generate more citywide involvement in the preparation of the Summerlake Master Plan, another workshop will be held in December.

When: Wed., December 5, 7-9 p.m.

Where: Tigard Water Building Auditorium, 8777 SW Burnham Street

Information will be available and comments will be sought. Please take advantage of this opportunity and provide your input. The Plan

will be presented to the Planning Commission in February. The Planning Commission will make recommendations to the City Council, which will consider adopting the Plan in March, 2002. For more information, contact Parks and Facilities Manager Daniel Plaza at daniel@ci.tigard.or.us or. 503-639-4171, ext 399.

Winter water conservation

Now that winter is here, we should turn our attention from conserving water outdoors to conserving water inside. In Tigard, a family of four typically consumes 300 gallons a day. By cutting down on your family's water consumption, you can make a difference.

Below are 10 ways you can save water indoors:

- Check faucets and pipes for leaks.
- Check your toilet for leaks.
- Take a shorter shower and install water-saving showerheads.
- Take baths. A bath in a partially filled tub uses less water than all but the shortest showers.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth.
- Rinse razors with short blast or by swishing it in a partially filled sink.
- Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher.

- Keep a bottle of cold water in the refrigerator for drinking instead of running the water until it gets cold.
- Defrost frozen food without running water over the packages.
- Rinse vegetables in a filled sink instead of running water.

Some good reasons to save water:

- Over the last 20 years water demand has increased by 30 percent.
- There are places in the United States experiencing dire water shortages. Experts predict that some states could run out of water by 2020.
- Numerous rivers of the world have been depleted. This has had severe consequences on the environment and ecology of water systems.
- Approximately 40 percent of the world's population depends on water flowing from another country.
- Groundwater is now threatened by shortages and contamination.

- In Europe, on average, a person uses 40 gallons of water per day. In the United States, a person uses two to three times as much (approximately 75-150 gallons).
- A leaking tap producing one drop per second wastes 2400 gallons per year.
- Water conservation reduces wastewater treatment and energy use.
- Saving water now delays the need for building costly new supply facilities to support our growing population.
- Water conservation protects fish and other wildlife.
- Saving water means saving money on your utility bills.

To receive a free 2002 calendar, depicting local children's water conservation artwork, contact Sara Danz at sara@ci.tigard.or.us or 503-639-4171, ext. 346. Calendar supplies are limited.

Pruning young trees

Young trees should pruned to:

- Improve branch structure.
- Maintain the tree's health.
- Clear lines of sight.
- Provide safe passage along sidewalks and streets.

When pruning, some basic knowledge is important:

- Know the tree's natural form.
 Avoid imposing an unnatural form that can be unsightly and unhealthy for the tree.
- Don't cut into the main stem when removing branches.
- Do not use "wound dressing" on the cut area as there is no evidence that this is beneficial.
- Make sure your pruning shears are sharp enough to cut evenly without tearing the bark. If you are using a saw, support the branch with one hand to avoid tearing the

bark on the underside of branch. If the branch is too large to support with one hand, used the three-cut method:

- 1. Cut the underside of the branch, 4 to 6 inches out from the branch collar (further out for larger limbs).
- 2. Cut outside of the first cut beginning on the top of the branch. Saw through the branch and a short stub will be left.
- 3. Cut to remove the stub, making the cut just outside of the branch collar.
- Limit the amount of leaf-surface removal to 15-20% in one growing season. Always maintain live branches on at least two-thirds of the tree's total height. Taking away too much of the leaf surface can "starve the tree" and encourage sucker growth. Sucker growth

occurs because the tree is trying to replace lost leaf surface to increase its food supply. This combination of fast growth and a weak attachment to the tree can create a hazard.

- Allow two to three seasons to pass before pruning the crown again.
- Leaving lower branches will increase the tree's taper and improve the tree's stability.
- Trees should be pruned usually mid-fall through winter when dormant. However, certain species should be pruned at specific times of the year. Your local nursery can advise you of the ideal times to prune your specific types trees.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact City Forester Matt Stine at *mstine@ci.tigard.or.us* or 503-639-4171, ext. 423.

SUBDIVISION PROPOSALS IN TIGARD

City staff periodically provides advance notice of potential subdivisions being contemplated in Tigard or its Urban Growth Area. Plans are only in preliminary stages and are based on pre-application conferences with the City of Tigard. Plans have not been finalized. It is possible that development will not occur immediately. If the applicant goes forward with the project, a neighborhood meeting will be scheduled by the developer/applicant prior to a formal application being made with the City. Notice of the meeting is sent to property owners within 500 feet of the proposed development. If you have any questions on a project, please call 503-639-4171 to reach the appropriate city staff member.

PROPOSAL #1 - Tentative Project Name: "Un-Named"

Subject: Subdivision of approximately 1.65 acres into approximately 7 lots

Zoning: R-7, 5,000 square foot lots

Location: 14125 SW Fern Street; South of Walnut St., northeast

of Ascension Dr.

Contacts:

Developer/ Applicant: Larry Hultquist 503-598-5742

Applicant's Engineer: N/A

City Staff: Brad Kilby, Mathew Scheidegger, Brian Rager



PROPOSAL #2 - Tentative Project Name: Barrows Triangle

Subject: Subdivision/Planned Development of approximately 1.36 acres to develop approximately 17 townhomes

Zoning: R-25, 1,480 square foot lots; PD, Planned Development Overlay

Location: 13818 SW Barrows Road; Off of Barrows Road, east of

SW 135th Avenue

Contacts:

Developer/ Applicant: Mike Miller 360-750-0399

Applicant's Engineer: MGH Associates, Inc./ Tom Secolo

360-750-0399

City Staff: Mathew Scheidegger and Brian Rager



PROPOSAL #3 - Tentative Project Name:"Un-Named"

Subject: Subdivision of approximately 10.14 acres into approximately 46 lots

Zoning: R-7, 5,000 square foot lots

Location: South side of SW Bull Mountain Road, south of SW

164th Avenue (Adjacent to Meyers Farm Subdivision)

Contacts:

Developer/ Applicant: Tom Weber 503-970-3241

Applicant's Engineer: Bill McMonagle/McMonagle &

Associates 503-639-3453

City Staff: Brad Kilby, Mathew Scheidegger, Brian Rager



PROPOSAL #4 - Tentative Project Name: Hawk's Beard Townhomes

Subject: Subdivision/Planned Development of an approximately 3.5 acre portion of a 14.24 acre site to develop approximately 65 townhomes

Zoning: R-25, 1,480 square foot lots; PD, Planned Development Overlay

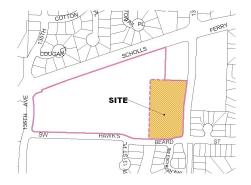
Location: Off of SW Scholls Ferry Road at the intersection of SW Hawks Beard and SW 130th Avenue

Contacts:

Developer/ Applicant: Steve Roper/ SR Design 503-469-1213
Applicant's Engineer: Lamoine Eiler Architecture Planning

LLC 503-226-1145

City Staff: Brad Kilby and Brian Rager



Tigard City Council Action Recap!

Here is a review of the City Council Meeting highlights for the past month:

- ➤ Heard an update on the police consolidation survey results.
- Appointed Bret A. Johnson as Tree Board member and Brooks Gaston as a Tree Board alternate.
- Entered into a loan agreement with the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department for improvements to Cook Park.

★ Hear an update from the Tigard

Central Business District Association.

- Reviewed an update on the Fanno Creek Trail.
- ➤ Finalized formation of Sanitary Reimbursement District No. 18 to install sewers at SW Walnut Street and SW 121st Avenue.
- Reviewed a report on maintenance of Merestone Pond (SW 121st Avenue).
- Discussed the sidewalk maintenance program.

- Reviewed the progress on the City's new web site.
- Reviewed the final draft of the Transportation System Plan.
- ➤ Heard an update on the Tri-Met Action Plan.
- Reviewed sponsorship agreements with the Balloon Festival, Broadway Rose, and 4th of July event organizers.

Future Council Agenda Items:

- ★ Present a report on the National
 League of Cities Conference.

 ★ Hear a proposal on a bond measure for new library construction.
 - ★ Evaluate and consider a local improvement district on Wall Street.
- ★ Appoint Planning Commission members.
- ★ Hear a proposal on a regional drinking water agency.

For additional information or if you have any questions about any of the items listed above, please contact City Recorder Cathy Wheatley at 503-639-4171, ext. 309. A copy of Council packet information can be found on the City's web site at www.ci.tigard.or.us or at the library. Audio and video tape recordings of most meetings are also available at the library.

Community Calendar

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City Council:

December 11*, 18** January 8*, 15, 22* 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise posted

* Cablecast Meeting **Taped to air on 12/19 **Library Board:**

Puett Room - TPL 2nd Thurs., 7 p.m.

Planning Commission:

1st & 3rd Mon., unless a holiday, 7:30 p.m.

Intergovernmental Water Board:

2nd Wed., 5:30 p.m. Tigard Water Building 8777 SW Burnham



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